

5 The Gospel - An overview

“What is the Gospel?”

How would you expect your friends at school to answer this question - and what would you say?



Some helpful Verses

Look at these verses and summarise what they say about the gospel:

Mark 1:1, 14-15; Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 1:6-12, 3:8

Key elements of the gospel

For each of the eight ‘bricks’ in the picture on the next page, write a short description of what it means:

Only one Testament

We usually refer to the Old Testament as meaning the books from Genesis to Malachi, and the New Testament those from Matthew to Revelation. But there is no difference in the message. When Paul refers to the old testament, or covenant, in 2 Corinthians 3:14, he is referring specifically to the Law given by Moses at Sinai.

But the gospel of salvation was preached to Abraham long before. Look at Galatians 3:13-18.

So what was the law for?

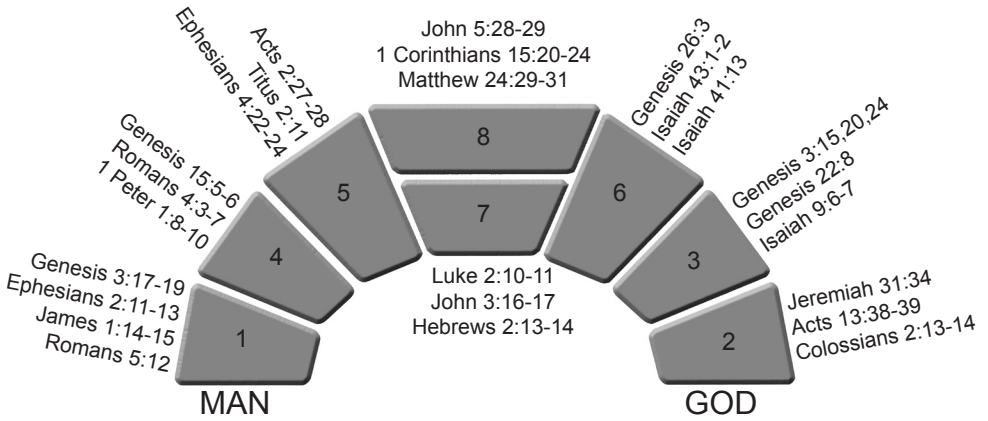
Romans 5:20

Galatians 3:19-25

Hebrews 10:1-4

Matthew 5:17-18

How do you think faithful characters in Old Testament times found salvation?



The Bridge of Salvation

A simple picture of the key elements of the gospel. Each brick represents one aspect, in which the gulf between us and God is bridged. Pictures like this can be useful, but they have their limitations!

Which brick? What does it mean?

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